Loan to SCs/STs for self-employment

3720. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SC and ST unemployed graduates are given loan by banks for their self-employment; and

(b) if so, the number of SC/ST unemployed youths given bank loan for self-employment during the last three years, State-wise and bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) the SC/ST unemployed youths including graduates are given bank loans for their self-employment under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY). RBI do not generate separate data for loans to SC/ST graduates. However, the State-wise/bank/wise number of SC/ST unemployed youths who have been sanctioned/disbursed bank loans for self-employment during the last three years i.e., 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 under PMRY is given in Anncxures [See Appendix 195, Annexure No. 39 and Annexure No. 40]

Recapitalisation of Regional Rural Banks

3721. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to recapitalise 36 Regional Rural Banks during the Tenth Plan by utilising Rs. 550 crore; and

(b) if so, details of the 36 RRBs selected for the recapitalisation process alongwith the proposed increase in share capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The recapitalisation process of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) was initiated in 1994-95. Till March, 2000, 187 RRBs have been provided recapitalisu.lon support. Of these 187 RRBs, 158 RRBs stand fully

recapitalised and 29 RRBs arc partially recapitalised. Out of 196 RRBs, TRRBs'have not been provided recapitalisation support so far. Two RRBs do not require recapitalisation support. Due to the budgetary constraints, the process of recapitalisation of RRBs could not be continued. In view of the financial performance of RRBs it is expected that the RRBs will be able to stand on their own in the near future.

Drug trafficking in Delhi and Haryana

†3722. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi and Haryana have become the major centre for drug trafficking after the fall of Taliban Regime in Afghanistan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that drugs worth crores of rupees has been seized in Delhi and Haryana recently;

(c) if so, the number of criminals apprehended alongwith the number of criminals punished; and

(d) what are the details of stringent steps Government have taken to curb the menace of drugs completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The proximity to the international border and good air-linkage with other countries makes Delhi and its neighbouring State Haryana vulnerable to drug trafficking, which is a clandestine activity. Seizure of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances during 2002 as compared with those in

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